

January 12, 2022

DDS Stakeholders-

Pursuant to [CGS 17a-211](#), DDS has prepared a [Five Year Plan 2022-2027](#). The final plan and transcripts of the public hearings are due to the legislature by the end of January 2022. To accommodate as many schedules as possible, DDS has scheduled two virtual public hearings, one day and one evening. The dates and times are **Wednesday, January 12th at 12:00 pm** and **Thursday, January 13th at 5:30 pm**.

You can testify in one of two ways:

Testify virtually: Testify with the Commissioner, the DDS Executive Management Team, and other members of the public.

Wednesday, January 12th at 12:00 PM- Registration has closed for Wednesday, January 12th. Members of the public that did not pre-register, but would like to virtually testify, may do so after the last person who pre-registered speaks.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link-

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Thursday, January 13th at 5:30 PM- [Registration is still open](#).

Submit written testimony: Rather type up your thoughts? You can send testimony in the body of an email or as an attachment. [Click here to email your written testimony](#).

Helpful guidelines for people who are testifying virtually

Please make sure your name, telephone number, and or email address that you used to identify yourself on the call is correct. When you are called on, if the DDS staff person cannot positively identify you (i.e. you cannot be heard, etc.) in the virtual hearing, you may be asked to instead submit written testimony.

When it is your turn to speak

- When you are called, unmute yourself. Introduce yourself and mention your town and your affiliation with DDS (e.g. Individual/Self Advocate, Family Member, Staff, Provider).
- Please indicate whether you support or oppose, or offer suggestions to improve DDS's next 5 year plan.
- Please keep your remarks to about 3 minutes, so that we have time to hear everyone's testimony.
- When you finish, the Commissioner or members of his staff may ask you clarifying questions.
- When you are finished, you will be placed back on mute.
- If you have any questions, or cannot attend and would like to submit written testimony instead, please email joseph.carvalho@ct.gov.